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Mr. A. Stanley Meiburg
Regional Administrator
U.S. EPA, Region 4
Atlanta Federal Center
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Dear Mr. Meiburg:

On May 13, 2010, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued the greenhouse gas (GHG) tailoring rule, which addresses greenhouse gas emissions from stationary sources under the Clean Air Act (CAA) permitting programs. The purpose of this letter is to provide the information for Alabama requested by EPA in the preamble for the final tailoring rule.

ADEM has statutory and administrative authority to regulate GHG emissions in its PSD and Title V permitting programs when GHG emissions became designated as regulated pollutants under the CAA. No revisions need to be made to regulations for this purpose.

However, our PSD regulations will need to be revised to be consistent with EPA's tailoring rule thresholds. In order to accomplish this, we plan to begin the rulemaking process by August 22, 2010. The revised rules should be considered for adoption by the Environmental Management Commission (EMC) in the December timeframe. If the EMC adopts the proposed rule revisions in December, the final rules will be submitted to EPA in January 2011. We have requested, and our understanding is that EPA has agreed to parallel processing for this SIP revision so that the revisions can become effective in the Alabama SIP at the same time they are effective in our state regulations. We also intend to revise our Title V regulations in a separate rulemaking action at a later date.

We thank EPA for providing comments on draft revisions to our PSD regulations. Our understanding is that if we resolve these comments, there will be no obstacles to final EPA approval of this SIP revision.

Should you require additional information, please contact me at (334) 271-7868.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron Gore", is written over a horizontal line.

Ronald W. Gore, Chief
Air Division

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cc: Beverly Banister, EPA
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